

## Senate Resolution 799

By: Senator Seabaugh of the 28th

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the late Mrs. Mary Hines Johnson and proclaiming February 9, 2008, "Mary  
2 Hines Johnson Day"; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mrs. Mary Hines Johnson was a great African American educator and a local  
4 hero to the residents of Heard County, Georgia, to whom she contributed so much; and

5 WHEREAS, Mrs. Johnson filled many roles as a teacher, parent, listener, role model,  
6 motivator, and mentor; and

7 WHEREAS, Mrs. Johnson spearheaded the building of the first county-wide school for  
8 African Americans in Heard County, which was completed in 1954; and

9 WHEREAS, prior to 1954, African American children attended one room school houses  
10 located throughout the county; and

11 WHEREAS, Mrs. Johnson was so dedicated to the building of the school, she donated her  
12 teaching salary and sponsored fund raisers to help finance the project; and

13 WHEREAS, in honor of her immense contributions and enduring legacy, the Franklin City  
14 Council at its meeting on September 6, 2001, unanimously approved the renaming of Bevis  
15 Road to Mary Johnson Drive; and

16 WHEREAS, Mrs. Johnson's drive and determination to provide all students access to a  
17 quality education and thus to a better quality of life inspired and influenced countless  
18 numbers of people, and her loving generosity continues to resonate throughout the ensuing  
19 years.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
2 honor the late Mrs. Mary Hines Johnson for her heroic contributions to the citizens of the  
3 State of Georgia and proclaim February 9, 2008, as "Mary Hines Johnson Day."

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
5 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Sarah Almond.